GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:53
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UNEMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate of employment generation as well as the rate of unemployment in the country during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to check the growth in the rate of unemployment; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures taken to mitigate unemployment in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a to c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a to c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 53 BY SHRI GANESH SINGH AND SHRI LALJI TANDON REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT DUE FOR REPLY ON 13.8.2012.

(a) Reliable estimates of employment and unemployment are obtained through quinquennial labour force surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office. Last such survey was conducted during 2009-10. As per the two most recent quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment, estimated employment in the country on usual status basis was 459.10 million in 2004-05 and 465.48 million in 2009-10, registering an average annual rate of growth of 0.28 percent during 2004-05 to 2009-10. Unemployment rates were estimated at 2.3 percent in 2004-2005 and 2.0 percent in 2009-2010.

(b&c) Government have taken several steps to reduce unemployment in the country. The focus is on creation of productive employment at a faster pace in order to raise incomes of masses to bring about a general improvement in their living conditions. The job opportunities are created on account of growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP), investment in infrastructure development, growth in exports, etc. Government of India has also been implementing various employment generation programmes, such as, Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); Prime Minister`s Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP); Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) besides entrepreneurial development programmes run by the Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises.